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Title: Systems and Methods for Discovering
Fully Dependent Patterns

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Claims 1, 3-17 and 19-34 of the above-identified application were allowed on June 16, 2005. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicants submit the following comments.

Applicants initially note that the Examiner omitted certain meaningful language from his Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Presented below are the Examiner's statements incorporating the omitted claim language by underline that Applicants believe should have been provided. Also, the "strike-through" text should be deleted.

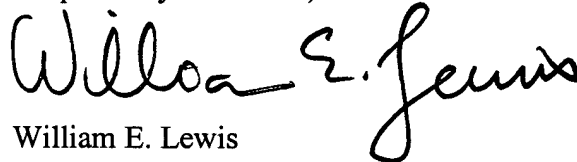
The present invention is directed to a method of mining one or more patterns in an input data set of items ~~as one or more patterns based on whether one or more sets~~

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respectively satisfy a dependency test, the method comprising the steps of identifying one or
more sets of items in the input data set as one or more patterns based on whether the one or
more sets respectively satisfy a dependency test, wherein the dependency test being satisfied
when each of the items in a set of items is dependent upon each other item with a prescribed
significant level.

The language as edited above is consistent with the allowed claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance be revised in accordance with the language as set forth above.

In addition, for at least the reasons given in Applicants' previous responses dated June 8, 2004 and April 25, 2005, it is respectfully asserted that Wong is not substantially similar to the claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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